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## **FCC PROPOSES ELIMINATION OF OUTDATED RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL FIXED PUBLIC RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission proposed today to eliminate Part 23 of its rules which govern International Fixed Public Radiocommunications Services (IFPRS). In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission further proposed to apply part 101 of the rules (which governs domestic services) to the two remaining IFPRS licensees. The proposal attempts to respond to the globalization of communication services and would modernize current regulation by removing the distinction between international and domestic service rules for Fixed Public Radiocommunications.

In addition, the Commission seeks comment on several other proposals:

- Allowing future IFPRS licensees to apply for a license pursuant to the rules of Part 101;
- Requiring any future IFPRS licensees to operate in the 3700-4200 MHz and the 10,700-11,700 MHz bands;
- Allowing current licensees to continue operating pursuant to Part 23 until the date that their licenses are scheduled to expire, after which they will be allowed to apply for a fixed point-to-point microwave license pursuant to Part 101 of the rules;
- Grandfathering of their current frequency bands after license expiration.

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